

The Watchman and Southern
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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southern in 1866. The Watchman and Southern now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

The Sugar Trust needs Cuba in its business—hence the pseudo revolution, hence Taff's and Bacon's trip and the pretence at pacification, and hence and therefore the invasion and ultimate annexation of the island.

Just to keep the record straight we would like to know who is playing the part of Bunau-Varilla, and who the Cromwell of this made-to-order Cuban revolution.

Why not make arrangements with the German steamship company that is to bring German immigrants to Charleston, to take out a cargo of Atlanta negroes to be landed in Africa on the return trip. The South could afford to pay good boot on the exchange of a ship load of negroes for a ship load of Germans.

President Roosevelt is going ahead with his Cuban annexation job as if he was the autocrat of the United States, instead of a public servant, responsible to congress and to the people for his acts. The calm and matter of course sort of way in which it is announced that the army will invade Cuba the instant the President gives the word is somewhat jarring to those who still entertain the belief that this is a democratic form of government under which we live. If the President can order the army to invade Cuba and the navy to blockade its coast, what may he not do next!

We may now expect the Reverend Thomas Dixon to have a series of conniption fits over the refusal of Southern towns to permit the production of the "Clansman" within their limits. As it means a natural reduction in his income he will have a good excuse for saying things.

In the event of the abolition of the State dispensary, would the Charleston News and Courier and the Columbia State, the two mouthpieces of the anti-dispensary forces, advocate the enactment of a law prohibiting the shipment of liquor from a county dispensary or high license county into a prohibition county? If not, why not? This is a matter that has puzzled us for sometime, and we trust that we will receive enlightenment.

While in the business of land grabbing, President Roosevelt could do the South a good turn by seizing the Island of Hayti, and then colonizing the negroes of the South thereon. Some of the best of authorities are agreed that the island is one of the golden spots of the earth, and the negroes would have a favorable environment in which to work out their own destiny.

CIRCUS CROOKS.
Cole Brothers' Ticket Sellers Are Up to Tricks.

It was stated to an Item reporter yesterday by a commercial salesman who travels out of Richmond, Va., and who is well known in this city that the ticket sellers at Cole Brothers' shows "short change" at every opportunity and that it is necessary to watch them closely. This gentleman attended one of the performances given by this circus. The ticket seller tried to give him less change than he should have received, and while at the ticket office he saw one man bring a policeman and require the seller to return \$15 which he tried to keep in changing a \$20 bill, claiming that the buyer had given him only a \$5 bill and at the same time a little country boy was seen crying because the ticket seller had retained twenty-five cents more than was due him.

When Cole Brothers' shows reach Sumter, the repetition of any such graft should immediately be reported to the police authorities, and the offenders will be dealt with in a manner that they will remember. It is needless to say that such conduct on their part will decidedly prolong their stay in Sumter.

Western Crop is Ruined.
Columbia, September 30.—The day last night received the following from Mr. E. D. Smith:
Taylor, Texas, Sept. 29, 1906.
Left Vicksburg during storm. The destruction to cotton terrible. Estimated Mississippi losses half a million bales. Outlook for better prices.
E. D. Smith.

Sixty per cent. has been fixed as the basis of taxation for the Southern Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard railroads by the special meeting of the State Board of Equalization. The actual valuation was fixed on the 9th of last May and the adjustment was pending until Saturday last.

USING WHISKEY IN ELECTION.

Mr. T. H. Osteen indicts Magistrate John F. Ingram For Violating the Election Laws.

From The Daily Item Sept. 28.
Magistrate J. W. Reese, of Stateburg, came to the city today for the purpose of holding a preliminary examination in the case of the State vs. John F. Ingram, indicted for using whiskey for the purpose of influencing and procuring votes at the recent primary election at Privateer, in which he was a candidate for the office of magistrate of the fourth judicial district of Sumter county and was opposed by Mr. T. H. Osteen, a relative of the prosecutor in this case. Magistrate H. Harby accorded Magistrate Reese the privilege of holding the investigation in his office, and at 12 o'clock today, prosecutor, defendant and numerous witnesses crowded the court room. The preliminary was opened with an argument by L. D. Jennings, Esq., relative to the jurisdiction of the court, and contending that the warrant was issued under the wrong section of the code. The question was whether or not Magistrate Reese had jurisdiction to hold a formal trial, or whether it was such a case that his jurisdiction was circumscribed by a right to hold a preliminary examination. Magistrate Reese was uncertain as to the points of law involved, and postponed the investigation until Friday next, at which time the defendant and witnesses must appear at Privateer. This case has created much interest throughout the county, and as it is the first indictment in Sumter under the new primary election laws, its outcome will be anxiously awaited.

REV. W. A. ROGERS DEAD.

Spartanburg, Sept. 29.—The Rev. Wm. Anson Rogers of this city died this morning at 10 o'clock at his home after an illness of several months' duration. Mr. Rogers has for many months been in a serious condition and although his death was not unexpected it was a great shock to his many friends in the city. Mr. Rogers was one of the best known men in the South Carolina conference and had served his God and his state well for many years. At the time of his death Mr. Rogers was 57 years old, death visiting him on the anniversary of his birthday.

Mr. Rogers, since his retirement from the active ministry of the Methodist church, had made Spartanburg his home and his friends and admirers in the city are legion. During his life time he served at many stations and wherever he served he was beloved and admired. Mr. Rogers has been closely identified with the work of the Methodist church in the state. He was for several years the financial agent of Wofford college and served as a member of the board of trustees from 1886 until his death. Mr. Rogers was also, for a time the financial agent of the Southern Christian Advocate and from time to time has done editorial work on the paper.

About one year ago Mr. Rogers' health began to fail and he was compelled to give up all work. Several weeks ago he was taken to Philadelphia for treatment in a hospital, which however, did him little good. Mr. Rogers was then brought back to his home in this city. His health continued to fail and on Friday he became worse and after lingering through Friday night death came quietly on Saturday morning.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his wife, four sons and a daughter. His children are: Julian C., cashier of the Bank of Bishopville; Carroll P., assistant superintendent of the Excelsior mills in Union; Frank A., bookkeeper in the First National bank of Spartanburg; Allen L., student at Wofford college, being in the sophomore class, and Miss Annie, who attends the city schools. Mr. Rogers also had two other sons, both of whom preceded him to the grave. They were Ralph H. and Wm. A., Jr.

MURRAY IS IN AFRICA.

George Washington Murray, the negro who was convicted some time ago of fraudulently obtaining land liens in Sumter county, is in Africa, according to the Southern Sun, a colored paper published here. Murray was arrested on this charge and upon conviction was released on bail, pending a decision by the supreme court after a trial. The decision of the court was against him, but Murray left the State before the warrant for his re-arrest could be served. His sentence was one year. Murray was a congressman from this State before 1876.—The State.
The writer of the above paragraph should be more careful of his facts. George Washington Murray was a congressman from this State not before 1876, but after 1890, succeeding Col. Wm. Elliott, the State board of canvassers giving him the certificate over Gen. E. W. Moise, the Democratic candidate. Murray's sentence was for three years and not one year.

SENSATION IN ORANGEBURG.

Bank Cashier Leaves For Parts Unknown On Account of Shortage.

Orangeburg, Sept. 27.—Considerable excitement was manifested on the streets this morning when it became known that Mr. John W. Fairley, cashier of the Edisto Savings bank had left for parts unknown, and that relatives and bank officials were in receipt of letters saying he would not return, that his books showed a shortage for which he could not account, and rather than endure the ordeal of suspense while expert examiners were checking up the shortage, he was leaving America for good. This letter was written from New York, and Mr. Fairley said that within one hour after writing he would sail from that city giving no clue as to his destination.

During the past three or four years he has kept the current ledger and it seems that in trying to strike a trial balance a few days ago he appeared to have discovered a discrepancy of about \$100 which he reported to President B. H. Moss. Mr. Moss told him if satisfied with the discrepancy existed to charge it on the books and gave no serious thought to the matter. It appears now that Mr. Fairley, having kept the current ledger, was not satisfied to charge it off the books, feeling there was some mistake, and he proceeded to hunt it up.

The bank gives its employes 15 days' vacation with pay during the year. Mr. Fairley, instead of taking his vacation at one time, has been absent for two or three days at a time and still had two or three days due him. On Sunday he rang up Vice-President Dibble, but Mrs. Dibble answered the call. He told her to tell Mr. Dibble that he would not be at the bank Monday, and Mr. Dibble concluded he was taking the balance of his holiday. Tuesday there was some little comment among the employes of the bank when he did not return, and yesterday when he was still absent and no one heard from him it was feared that he had met with foul play. It was known that he went to Columbia Sunday night and last night one or two of his personal friends, not connected with the bank, went up to Columbia to look for their friend, believing that only his inability to write would have kept him from advising the bank of his whereabouts.

Meanwhile, although the bank officials had no idea of any criminal action on the part of Mr. Fairley, the books were hastily gone over and everything appeared all right.

This morning, Mr. Thomas F. Brantley and Capt. G. H. Moss, president of the bank, received letters from Mr. Fairley, written in New York, in which he said that his further work on the current ledger showed a discrepancy of about \$10,000, but that he had not taken one cent from the bank; that he had the opportunity to take all the funds if he so desired, but he could not stand the suspense and was leaving for parts unknown.

In his letter to Col. Brantley he stated that he had taken only \$500 with him, this being the profits on a real estate transaction recently made to which Col. Brantley was a party, that he had not touched his bank deposit and this together with his other available assets amounting to \$1,700 he turned over to Col. Brantley to be used in the employment of experts to investigate the so-called shortage.

The officers and directors of the bank are satisfied that no shortage exists and so expressed themselves in a notice made public this morning, and are as much dumfounded at Mr. Fairley's action as the public generally. He did not ask the assistance of the other bank officials in his hunt for the discrepancy and the generally accepted theory is that owing to the anxiety he became temporarily unbalanced and that probably after a rest he will realize his mistake and return home.

Others, however, and among them some of his close friends, seem to think that personal matters, in no way connected with the bank, were the direct cause of Mr. Fairley leaving, and that he has only tried to divert attention from his true reason for leaving, though this is not plausible.

NO SHORTAGE FOUND.

Orangeburg, Sept. 28.—Further investigation on the part of the officers of the Edisto Savings Bank shows no shortage existing, and the general belief continues that John W. Fairley, cashier, who left here Sunday and who claims that the books show a shortage of \$10,000, is mentally unbalanced.

Every effort has been made to find Mr. Fairley without success, and his absence continues to be a subject of general conversation. No one believes that the shortage exists, and the general verdict is that every effort should be made to locate Mr. Fairley before he leaves the country, or probably through brooding over the supposed shortage, takes his own life.

Nothing has been heard from the

State bank examiner, but relatives of Mr. Fairley have engaged expert accountants from Atlanta, who will be here Monday, and thoroughly check the books as requested by Mr. Fairley.

MOVED TO SUMTER.

Mr. A. O. McKeithan to Work For Coast Line Here.

Mr. A. O. McKeithan, of Florence, has come to Sumter to make it his home and to work here for the Atlantic Coast Line. The following is a clipping from the Florence Times, dated September 25, regretting his departure from that city: A. O. McKeithan, for the past several years one among the best moulders in the Coast Line shops here, left this morning for Sumter where he has accepted a similar position. His family will leave in a few days to join him. Mr. McKeithan and his family have made many friends in the city who extend their best wishes for their success in Sumter.

SUMTER HORSES ON TRACK.

The fact that Sumter has no race course of its own and no fair ground for exploiting its home properties, is a serious drawback, but one possible to be overcome. Already there are seven Sumter horses training to compete for heavy prizes at races to be run at fairs at Woodruff, Greenville and Columbia. Some of these enter as two-year-olds and some go for the three-year-old class. They came to Sumter in a car from Kentucky about a year ago, and the time they make now on trial shows that someone here is a good judge of horse flesh.

Mr. Walter Stubbs is the owner of one of the three-year-olds, and he has had it in Greenville for two weeks training under his jockey, Layman. The first race comes off there next week, and Mr. Stubbs is expecting his filly to show a clear pair of heels. He will not tell what time has been made but it must be pretty good as already he is thinking of carrying the prize winner East to sell where prices are high.

Mr. Willie Bultman, also, has one colt to run at the three fairs; Mr. C. F. McFadden has one; Mr. S. A. Harvin one; Mr. Gordon one, and Mr. Daniel Davis, in the country, two. These make up a pretty batch of seven, and there ought to be some good prize money coming this way when the fairs are over.

Mr. Stubbs is much interested in getting up a Sumter fair. The beneficial results of such institutions are well known the improved breed of stock and the incentive to excel. And so far as a race course in concerned, there are now enough horses in Sumter and near it to make a good start. Besides the seven mentioned, Mr. T. O. Sanders and Mr. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, have seven more. Mr. Richard Richardson, just across the Columbia line, has one that did good work last season, and a possible second, and others here and there make up a strong organization.

MEETING OF CLERGYMEN

From The Daily Item, Sept. 27.
The regular fall conference of the Methodist clergy of Sumter district was held yesterday, with the Rev. Mr. H. B. Browne, as presiding elder. This conference holds semi-annual sessions, one in the spring and one in the autumn, for discussing affairs in the district and outlining work for the coming six months.

The meeting yesterday was occupied largely with routine. Church matters in the district were reported on favorably. Finances, however, are not as prosperous as could be wished, owing to the disastrous condition of crops throughout this section. The effect of this shortage has been that benevolent contributions are slower in coming in than usual, and missionary subscriptions are in arrears.

Those present were the Rev. Mr. H. B. Browne, presiding elder, and the Rev. Messrs. C. C. Herbert, of Camden; S. H. Booth, of Smithville; E. F. Scoggins, of Wedgefield; W. P. Way, of Bethany; V. A. Phillips, of Bishopville; L. O. Cantey, of Lynchburg; E. K. Moore, of Oswego; L. L. Bedenbaugh, of New Zion; A. N. Brunson, of Mannig; J. C. Yongue, of Summerton, and J. P. Inbanit and J. F. Kilgo, of Sumter.

FOR SALE.

The Pudding Swamp Tobacco Warehouse Co. offers for sale at public auction its property, consisting of two acres of land, one tobacco warehouse, two prizeeries, together with elevators, scales, presses and trucks. This property is located at Mayesville, S. C., near the railroad. The buildings were erected for a tobacco warehouse and are excellently arranged for this purpose. They would also serve for use as a warehouse or for factory purposes. For information address A. A. Strauss, Mayesville, S. C., or W. D. Gamble, New Zion, S. C. This sale will take place at Mayesville, S. C., on Wednesday, October 10th, 1906, at 11 o'clock a. m.
A. A. STRAUSS,
W. D. GAMBLE,
I. C. STRAUSS,
Committee.
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GAVE HIS ALL.

Washington, October 1.—Senator Quesada, the Cuban minister, has called President Palma an invitation to come to the United States to live in his (Quesada's) home Minister Quesada said this morning: "After spending forty of the seventy-three years of his life fighting for Cuban liberty, President Palma leaves the palace in Havana destitute of funds. His private fortune, as well as the best energies of his life have been patriotically poured out in the interest of his country."

Local Cotton Market.

Cotton is in active demand, especially the better grades and the market is strong on the advance.
Middling 10 3-8 to 10 1-2.

Letter to Wells & Edens.

Sumter, S. C.
Dear Sirs: Here's a tale with three or four tails to it.

Professor Irvine has an Academy, Mercersburg, Penn. He paints the floors in summer vacation. It used to take 90 gallons of paint. There were two paint-stores there, and he used to buy (one year of one, next year of the other) 90 gallons year after year.

Now he paints Devoe; 60 gallons; and the difference is a saving of \$150 a year.

H. C. Fallon was one of those dealers, good man; but he wouldn't take up Devoe; so we turned to the other, J. A. Boyd. But Fallon has found it necessary to get a good paint to compete with Devoe. He got one of the eight honest paints. He has a big hardware store and is doing an excellent hardware business; but Boyd, of course, has the run on paint—he's a little hardware man.

We don't care how little or big a man is, if he wants good paint and is active and sound.

Yours truly,
F. W. Devoe & Co.,
New York.
P. S.—Durant Hardware Company sell our paint.

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Sumter District Prosperous.

Editor Daily Item:
Your report in today's issue of the meeting of the pastors of the Sumter district yesterday must have been obtained from some one who knew but little, if anything, of the real status of affairs in this district.

You indicate that the effect of a shortage in crops has had its effect on our finances and state that the "benevolent contributions are slower coming in than usual, and missionary of affairs in this district.

As a matter of fact, and on record in my office, the collections for benevolences are far in advance of all previous records at this date, September 27. And not a pastor present yesterday expressed doubt as to collections in full by the session of the annual conference in November, as was the case last year.

Again, as a matter of fact and on record in my office, the entire assessment for both home and foreign missions has already been paid in full, with a surplus, and this surplus will be made still larger by conference.

We have over 6,000 Methodists in this district who are able and ready to meet all calls for benevolent purposes and will take great pleasure in so doing. Storms will not dampen their ardor, nor shortages in crops estop them from discharging their highest obligations. This is my faith in a generous people whom I have known and served for these four years. Kindly yours,

H. B. Browne, Presiding Elder,
Sumter, S. C., Sept. 27, 1906.

FOR SALE—5-horse farm, Rafting Creek township on Charleston road, opposite Mr. E. R. Alston's T. P. Sanders.

TAKE NOTICE

WHEN coming to town throw on your old Scrap Iron, Rubber, Metals, Hides, Bones, etc., and bring them to us. High cash prices paid. Yard—East Mary St., near Sumter Machinery Co.
Sumter Junk, Hide and Fur Co.,
H. S. Waddell, Manager.
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Is its ability to supply what women want at a price they think fair to pay. This is the quietessence of our position. It will be very apparent to you at every visit to this store : : : :

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That in no other store will you be able to see so much that is to be admired, AND SO FAIRLY PRICED. And here are fair examples:

2,500 Yards 75c, 80c. and \$1 Silk at 49c.

Here is one of the best lot of merchandise we have ever had to distribute.

For Suits and Waists—For handsome Party Dresses—Come, see yourself! Secured by us from one of the largest Silk sales ever held.

This sale ought to bring phenomenal response—the display of them alone will be worth coming to see.

Buy all you want; we've plenty to go around and at 49 cents.

DISPLAY TUESDAY Sale Thursday and Friday.

Also 50 Misses Ready-to-Wear Suits, 6 to 14 years, in Navy, Brown, Grey, Black and Garnet, worth \$5 and \$6; this sale only \$3.
100 Ladies Flannelette Underskirts in light Blue, Pink, Cream, with three Silk Embroidered Ruffles, go in this sale at 50 cents.

Schwartz Brothers.
"The House That Gives You Satisfaction or Your Money Back."